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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2004,

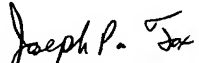
Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-3 and 10), with traverse. The grounds for traversal are
that examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The
claims in the two groups share several features, and a search for one group would probably

overlap or encompass a search for the other group. For these reasons, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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